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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2003, please amend the
Application identified above as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph starting at page 7, line 20 is amended as follows:

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The conveyor belt 12 has a surface subjected to roughing or embossing finish and coated with ~~silicon~~ silicone, so that the adhesive tape pieces 2, 2, ... are difficult to adhere to the support body constituting the conveyor belt 12 even if the adhesive tape pieces 2, 2, ... are put on the conveyor belt 12 with their adhesive surfaces down.

The paragraph starting at page 8, line 14 is amended as follows:

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The attaching roller 31 is a kind of rubber roller using ~~silicon~~ silicone rubber in its surface layer or its whole layer and having a smooth surface, so that the attaching roller 31 has adherence in its surface. Accordingly, when the attaching roller 31 is rolled to press the non-paste surfaces (not-adhesive surfaces) of the adhesive tape pieces 2, 2, ... put in alignment on the conveyor belt 12 as shown in Fig. 4A, the adhesive tape pieces 2, 2, ... are transferred to the attaching roller 31 and brought into tight contact therewith because of the difference between adhesive strength B between the non-paste surface of the adhesive tape